

Janet Clark

CGJA plays a vital role insuring the survival of the Grand Jury system. I am happy to be a part of CGJA.

After my year of Grand Jury service, I worked with a small group of my jury colleagues to put together the Alameda County chapter. Together we have been effective in recruiting new jurors, and involving the press in jury activities and reports. We have also sponsored regional meetings.

I have been a member of the Membership and Chapter Relations committee for 4 years, now serving as secretary.

As a member of the Annual Conference Committee for 3 years I have worked with Chairman Bell recruiting for the Silent Auction and donations for CGJA.

I am completing my first term on the Board of Directors representing the Central Region. I have enjoyed the activities and the people I have met here at CGJA and hope to continue.

Diane Lloyd

I was fortunate to have been chosen as a grand juror on the 2018-2019 Calaveras County Grand Jury. It was one of the most rewarding experiences in my life. So rewarding, in fact, that I carried over to the 2019-2020 Calaveras County Jury. I was bitten by the grand jury bug! In early 2019, I was allowed along for the ride with several colleagues as we formed the first three county CGJA chapter – Mother Lode Chapter, covering Calaveras, Tuolumne, and Amador counties. I have served as treasurer of the chapter from its inception and am chair of the Outreach and Implementation Review Committees.

As a young idealist during the turbulent times of the '60s, I felt that there was nothing that could stop me from changing the world. Then life happened, family and friends were nurtured, and a career was built. All the hard work of putting together a happy, satisfying life was done (I thought) when I retired. When the letter came from the Calaveras County Superior Court, asking if I would be interested in service on the grand jury, I had no idea that this would be the beginning of my new vocation. The thought that I could be one of 19 people who could actually make a difference in my small county was mind-boggling. Here was my chance to fulfill those early dreams of serving something larger than myself – my community.

I joined CGJA as a regular member in my first year as a grand juror. I have served on several committees, but I have found my niche as chair of the Membership and Chapter Relations Committee. With CGJA's goals firmly in mind – to build and retain membership, to increase grand jury awareness throughout the State, and to promote member participation in order to strengthen succession planning goals – I would be honored to serve the Central Region as your voice on the Board of Directors.

Carolyn Stinemates

I graduated from San Jose State University in 1972 earning a BS and earning my teaching credential in 1973.

In 2017-2018 I was appointed by the presiding Calaveras County Grand Jury Judge to the Civil Grand Jury. I took on the lead for the Animal Control Committee, a member of the Editorial Committee member assisting in writing all 2017-2018 reports, and a member of the Jails Committee.

In 2019 I was appointed by the Calaveras County Grand Jury Judge to be the Foreperson. I attended the CGJA Foreperson Training and the Conference.

In 2019 a devoted group of Calaveras Grand Jurors from 2017 and 2018 came together to work very hard to establish the California Grand Jury Mother Lode Chapter. Our top priority was to include our neighboring counties, Tuolumne, and Amador Counties, to make this Chapter a Tri-County Chapter, the first ever with CGJA. I was elected as a Chapter Director and as Chapter President in the inaugural Mother Lode election. Under my leadership, the Chapter has met many challenges in our first two years and the most challenging has been Covid-19 but the Chapter has pushed on meeting virtually via zoom monthly.

My objectives in serving on the CGJA Board include;

1. Promote development and continuing education of the California Grand Jury System.
2. Provide oversight and recommendations on all CGJA programs.
3. Develop partnerships with local government and provide guidance and recommendations as needed.
4. Promote mentoring and provide recommendations for Chapter establishment of inaugural Chapters and growth and development of the newly formed Chapter.

Most importantly, I want to support the CGJA mission, “To promote, preserve, and support the Grand Jury System through training, education, and outreach.” In every organization that I have worked for or volunteered for, there has been a Mission statement. I have found this to be imperative for any organization to provide for a strong system or program. This is followed by a vision and goals set or as stated by CGJA, “Purpose”.

I promise to ensure I will follow and execute all CGJA Director responsibilities which includes duties and responsibilities to the best of my abilities as required by the CGJA bylaws.

I have provided each of you information to support my request and I am asking for your vote for the CGJA Central Director position.